

FORGOTTEN SEWER

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FIFTEENTH AND WALNUT.

IS FIFTEEN FEET IN DEPTH

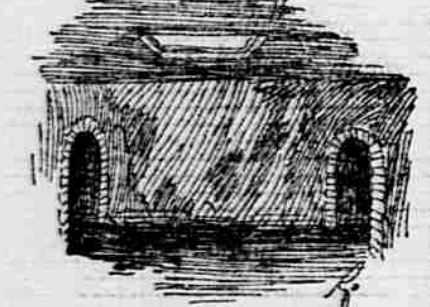
MIRACLE THAT DISASTROUS ACCI-
DENT DID NOT OCCUR.

Only a Thin Crust of Concrete and
Asphalt Between the Top of the
Cave and the Heavy Wag-
ons That Passed Along
the Street.

Superintendent of Streets Sloan has be-
gun his annual inspection of the sewers
of the city. Almost the first result was
a discovery that fairly took away Mr.
Sloan's breath.

He found a cavern, ten feet square and
fifteen feet deep, directly under the inter-
section of Fifteenth and Walnut streets,
the roof of the cavern being the concrete
and asphalt of the pavement. Diverging in
every direction are smaller caverns and
tunnels, whose bottoms consist of liquid
mud varying from two to ten feet in
depth.

The most remarkable feature in connec-



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tion with this cavern under the street is
that it has probably existed for months
and that no heavily loaded team in driv-
ing over it has been precipitated to the
muddy floor fifteen feet below. That such
an accident did not happen was mere
matter of chance as the concrete and as-
phalt roof, with nothing below to support
it, would most certainly have given way
under the weight of a very heavy wagon,
and sent wagon, horses and driver to the
bottom.

Running under Walnut street is an old
main sewer, constructed of rough stone,
four feet wide and six feet high, and built
so long ago that there is no record of its
existence in the city engineer's depart-
ment. Successive floods of rain pouring
through it have loosened and washed out
the stone walls, undermined the foundation
and swept the stonework from where it
has rested for so many years. The stone-
work gone, the earth followed rapidly,
until the big cavern now existing was
hollowed out and the only reason the
surface of the street was not also carried
away was because it was constructed on
concrete and asphalt impervious to wa-
ter. The work of destruction was not
confined to the direct course of the sewer,
but at times of unusually heavy rains and
a consequent increase in the volume of
water flowing through the sewer, the de-
termining went on in every direction until
a bewildering maze of tunnels lead out
from the main cavern.

The discovery of the cavern was not un-
attended with danger, owing to the soft
and treacherous nature of the ground un-
derneath. In making the exploration of
the sewers Mr. Sloan had entered a man-
hole leading to one of the main brick
sewers and had followed it up until it was
intersected by the old stone sewer. He
followed the intersection and noted that
the walls were weak in places and would
need repair, but did not realize what he
was coming to until the walls on either
side of the cavern, that is the street
carried. The next instant the ground sank
from beneath his feet and he found himself
up to his waist in a pool of liquid mud.
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MRS. FAIRBANKS WINS FAME AS A HOSTESS.



Mrs. Charles W. Fairbanks, the wife of
Senator Fairbanks, of Indiana, is earning
an enviable reputation as being one of the
most successful entertainers in the cap-
ital. Her husband was temporary chairman
of the McKinley convention at St. Louis,
and is the president of the Anglo-American
club commission. Mrs. Fairbanks has prov-

other fund. Several members of the coun-
cil have gone on exploring expeditions in
the broken sewer and all are of the opinion
that it was little less than a miracle that
a terrible accident had not occurred before
the break was discovered.

THIS IS THE LAST CHANCE.

Holders of Winning Tickets Must Pre-
sent Them To-day—Delivery of
Prizes Closes To-night.

To-day will be the last day when the
winners of the Convention prizes will be
able to obtain their gifts at the head-
quarters at 806 Delaware street. This de-
cision was arrived at by the management
of the hall yesterday for the reason that
almost all of the gifts which are due Kan-
sas Citizens have been distributed. Thou-
sands of gifts are being sent to out-of-
town winners who have sent their tickets
by letter, and these will continue to be
filled until all are exhausted.

There will undoubtedly be thousands of
gifts which will be uncalled for, and it is
the intention of the management to have a
sale of these probably some time the
latter part of the week. It is certain that
little time will now be wasted in getting
rid of everything, and all those who still
have winning tickets should present them
at once.

This sale will be in the line of those
which the express companies have. Every-
thing will be wrapped up and will be sold
to the highest bidder. Some will draw
good things and others will get nothing.

The principal gifts given out yesterday
were:

W. B. Lucas, Cherokee, Kas., fancy vest,
Mrs. S. G. Moss, of Parsons, round trip
ticket to Galveston.

F. J. Candy, of 2821 East Ninth, combi-
nation bookcase.

T. P. McGuire, 1224 Jefferson street, grain
drill.

C. C. Ebert, ex-justice of the peace, a
patrol.

Mrs. W. P. Scott, 124 Montgall, \$500 pol-
ice Modern Woodmen of America.

The last order for chairs for Convention
was given yesterday to the Abernethy
Furniture Company, the order being for
4,000. This will give the hall 7,600 mov-
ables.

The rest of the seating ca-
pacity will be cared for by fixed seats.

The girls that compose the sewing class
at the public school, 208 East
Eighteenth street, donated a silk quilt that
they had made to the Convention hall stock
of gifts. They are now wondering if theirs
is the one that was drawn by ticket 152323,
the only one that has been listed.

MUST MAKE NEW PLANS.

Architect A. Van Brunt Gave Away
His Old Overcoat and His New
One Has Been Stolen.

Architect A. Van Brunt, who has an of-
fice in the Navajo building, is mourning
the loss of a new overcoat. He has been
wearing out an old coat all season, and yester-
day decided it was about time to throw
it away and buy a new one, which he did
yesterday morning. Hanging it in his of-
fice, he spent the morning in the work-
room. When leaving the office at noon he
discovered it was gone. He looked around
the old one away, he is now coatless.

Cloudy and Possibly Rain.
It didn't know whether to rain or not
yesterday, although it was a good bet at
least half a dozen
times during the day
that there would be a
downpour. But it
held off, and there
was a pretty even-
ing of it all day
long. The temperature
rose somewhat, and
it was disagree-
able. It will be very
cloudy and possibly
rain to-day.

It will continue to be cloudy, and
while there may be some rain, Colonel Con-
nor says that the probability is against it.
There will be slight change in the tempera-
ture.

Y. M. C. A. Directors Elected.

The annual election of directors of the
Y. M. C. A. yesterday resulted in the se-
lection of E. E. Richardson, George W.
Campbell, Professor A. E. Douglass and
A. E. Colton, to serve on the board of di-
rectors for three years. The holder mem-
bers of the board are: Hearshel
Albert, Harry, John W. Jenkins, John H.
North, L. E. Baird, J. J. Swafford, F. W.
Tuttle, W. C. H. Kinsler, C. H. Kinsler,
and E. D. Bigelow. The directors will meet
this evening and elect officers for the en-
suing year.

Arrested for Speeding.

Harry Grubb, a messenger boy employed
by the Kansas City Messenger Service
Company, was arrested yesterday after-
noon by Officer Hamilton for driving
through the streets at a reckless rate
of speed. Young Grubb ran down a pedes-
trian at the intersection of the street
and the intersection of the street. He was
arrested by Officer Hamilton, who was
driving a patrol car. Grubb was taken to
the police station and held for trial.

LOOK FOR IMMENSE BUSINESS

Prospects for Current Year With Lo-
cal Business Houses Are Better
Than Any in History.

Kansas City jobbers confidently look for
a greater business this year than even the
extraordinary good showing made in 1898.
The merchants of the city are confident
that the business will be better than in
any year in history.

Harry Gray Gets Six Months.
Harry Gray, alias Harry Jones, a negro
who broke into the coal office of J. S. El-
mer, at 1117 North Fifth street, and then
threatened the proprietor, whose unlooked
for arrival interrupted the rifting of a
prunt which was in the hands of the
death if he offered any objections, was
sentenced to six months in jail yesterday.

Gray was arraigned on a charge of bur-
glary, but his offer to plead guilty to petit
larceny was accepted and Justice Spitz
gave him six months in jail.

Will Build Ice House in Memphis.

The Memphis Commercial-Appeal of Jan-
uary 8 says a Kansas City syndicate has
purchased a site there and will build an
ice house. The syndicate consists of men
from Kansas City, St. Louis, and Mem-
phis. They plan to build a large ice house
on the Mississippi river, and to ship ice
to other parts of the country.

By the California Limited, Santa Fe Route,
2-6 days Kansas City to Los Angeles.
New features this season.

PEOPLE IN SOCIETY.

Miss Margaret Summers is visiting in St.
Louis.

Mrs. St. Clair Stephens has returned from
St. Joseph, where she visited her mother.

Miss Arlie Stephens is at home after a
visit to Miss Rufina McDonald in St. Jo-
seph.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blood Smith, of
Topeka, will attend the Kansas City Club
reception Friday evening.

Miss Lois Pollock, who was the guest
of Miss Ethel Agnes Smith during the hol-
idays, has returned to her home in St.
Louis.

Mr. and Mrs. D. D. Drake and children
and the Misses May and Ruth Washburn,
of Chicago, left Saturday morning for New
Orleans, where they will sail for Progress,
Yucatan.

Wedding and reception invitations engraved in cor-
rect form. Send for samples. Jaccard's, 1022 Main.

Mr. E. L. Dismick called attention to an
article in The Journal telling of the dam-
age being done to the Lincoln monument
by the elements. He said:

"What man with mortal and masonry did
twenty and five years ago has, by the ravages
of time and the disintegrating in-
fluences of the elements, crumbled into
dust. But what the immortal Lincoln said
and did in the short space of four years,
from 1861 to 1865, in the loving
memory of man, as long as the seasons
of seed time and harvest shall remain
among the things of earth, the memory of
architects will renew and rebuild the decay-
ing monument that marks the last resting
place of the martyred president, so will the
story of his acts of greatness and deeds
of grandeur be transmitted from gen-
eration to generation. The lustre of his
glory will shine brighter and brighter
until the people of the world are inspired
by his unselfishness, his faithfulness, his
courage, his wisdom, his nobility, his
but for posterity, who will cherish his

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VISIONS ARE FULFILLED

PRESENTMENT OF LINCOLN'S ASSAS-
SINATION.

Thomas Lewis Gives a Number of
Remarkable Premonitions Be-
fore Old Men's Association—
Dr. Warner on Alliance.

In a letter read before the Old Men's As-
sociation at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday,
Thomas Lewis, who was a neighbor and
personal friend of Abraham Lincoln, gave
the details of a series of remarkable pre-
monitions of death which had been verified,
culminating in the presentment of the as-
sassination of President, fulfilled in such
a tragic manner.

"In response to your request that I favor
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LOTS WASHED AWAY

D. SMOLINSKY'S LOTS WERE NOT SE-
CURELY MOORED.

He Sees the Real Estate Agent Who
Sold Them, but Justice Jenney
Declares That Providence
Is to Blame.

READY TO ANSWER CHARGES.

Mrs. Annie Hadlette Voluntarily Pre-
sents Herself to the Police, Hear-
ing That She Was Wanted.

Mrs. Annie Hadlette read in The Journal
Sunday that the police of this city had
been requested by the city marshal of
Perry, O. T. to locate her and secure pos-
session of her. She says she has been
with her. Yesterday morning she called at
police headquarters and informed Inspector
Halpin that she was ready to surrender to
the proper authorities if she was wanted,
to answer any charge. Mrs. Hadlette came
to Kansas City about two weeks ago and
she is making her home at 1408 Jefferson
street.

She told Inspector Halpin that the boy
whom she brought to this city with her in
her son and that she is entitled to pos-
session of him. She says she separated from
her husband five years ago because he was
drunk and she could not live with him.
She then left Perry, taking her child
with her. She declared to Inspector Hal-
pin that if there was a warrant out for her
she would willingly go back to Oklahoma
to live with her husband. The marshal in his
letter to her, merely requested her to se-
cure possession of the child. This cannot
be done without a warrant and the police
department well known. Hadlette and a
warrant is sent for her.

Since the trouble with tight slots began
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